

While it is a well known fact that the printed dates on fascicle covers are not always the *exact* dates of issue, they are in general dependable. Here is a case where there is a rather remarkable agreement as to the dates of issue of the several parts as between the data taken directly from a set of the original fascicle covers and those derived from Stearn's critical search of records and reviews. For fascicle two the dates are the same by both methods, August, 1884; fascicles one, three and six are about one month earlier than the dates as derived by Stearn; fascicle five is at most two months earlier; and fascicles four and seven are between two and three months earlier.

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A SYNOPSIS OF THE GENUS FREZIERA

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THERE has been considerable controversy over the name of this genus. By a vote of the committee of the International Rules of Botanical Nomenclature (1935), it was decided to conserve the name *Freziera*, in preference to *Eroteum* or *Lettsomia*.

The genus *Eroteum* was founded by Swartz (Prod. Veg. Ind. Occ. 85) in 1788 and two species, *E. theaeoides* and *E. undulata* were described. Three years later, Swartz elaborated upon this earlier description (still under the name of *Eroteum*) in Schreber, Gen. Pl. (ed. 8) 2: 807. 1791. However, in his Fl. Ind. Occ. 2: 971. 1800, Swartz changed the name *Eroteum* to *Freziera* in honor of a botanist who travelled in South America. He maintained the same two species under the names, *F. "theoides"* and *F. undulata*.

Choisy (Mém. Soc. Phys. His. Nat. Genève, 14: 109–110. 1855) observed that two distinct generic elements were being included under the genus *Freziera* and that, of the two original species described by Swartz, the first, *F. theaeoides* (generally considered the type) belonged to Thunberg's Asiatic genus, *Cleyera*; the second species, *F. undulata*, represented the true *Freziera*. All the other species in this complex, described by various authors up until this time, were generically placed by Choisy. Since the publication of the work of Choisy, most botanists have accepted the name *Freziera*, and up until 1893, the majority of species were described under this name.

In 1893, Szyszyłowicz, in his treatment of the Theaceae for Engler & Prantl's Nat. Pflanzenfam. combined *Ternstroemiopsis*, *Cleyera* and *Freziera* under the genus *Eurya* and designated them as sections. Urban protested vigorously (1896) and insisted that the four distinct entities